

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method for enabling exchange of electronic data between market participants, the method comprising:
 - receiving electronic data from a market participant in a first format representing at least one business transaction;
 - validating the electronic data representing the business transaction;
 - mapping the electronic data from the first format to a standard format;
 - determining whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, wherein the configurable business rule defines relationship information between the electronic data representing the business transaction and electronic data for a subsequent business transaction; and
 - establishing the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction based on the determination of whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies the configurable business rule results; and
 - enabling the market participant to track a status of the electronic data representing the business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.
2. (cancelled).
3. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction, a time relationship between the electronic data representing the received business transaction and the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent

business transaction, and a business event associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction.

4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising processing electronic data representing business transactions having different formats.

5. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a message indicating that the electronic data representing the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

6. (currently amended): An apparatus for enabling exchange of electronic data between market participants, comprising:

a memory; and

a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor is configured to:

receive electronic data from a market participant in a first format representing at least one business transaction,

validate the electronic data representing the business transaction,

map the electronic data from the first format to a standard format,

determine whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, wherein the configurable business rule defines relationship information between the electronic data representing the business transaction and electronic data for a subsequent business transaction, and

establish the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction based on the determination of whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies the configurable business rule results, and

enable the market participant to track a status of the electronic data representing the business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

7. (cancelled).

8. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction, a time relationship between the electronic data representing the received business transaction and the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction.

9. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor is further configured to process electronic data representing business transactions having different formats.

10. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor is further configured to send a message indicating that the electronic data representing the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

11. (currently amended): An article comprising a computer-readable medium that stores executable instructions for enabling exchange of electronic data between market participants and causes ~~causing~~ a computer system to:

receive electronic data from a market participant in a first format representing at least one business transaction,

validate the electronic data representing the business transaction,

map the electronic data from the first format to a standard format,

determine whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, wherein the configurable business rule defines relationship information between the electronic data representing the business transaction and electronic data for a subsequent business transaction, and

establish the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction based on the determination of whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies the configurable business rule results, and

enable the market participant to track a status of the electronic data representing the business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

12. (cancelled).

13. (currently amended): The article of claim 11, ~~comprising instructions for causing the computer to determine whether the business transaction satisfies a configurable business rule,~~ wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction, a time relationship between the electronic data representing the received business transaction and the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction.

14. (currently amended): The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions for causing the computer to process electronic data representing business transactions having different formats.

15. (currently amended): The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions for causing the computer to send a message indicating that the electronic data representing the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

16. (currently amended): A method for enabling exchange of electronic data between market participants, the method comprising:

accessing a system that is configured to:

receive electronic data from a market participant in a first format representing at least one business transaction;

validate the electronic data representing the business transaction,

map the electronic data from the first format to a standard format,

determine whether the electronic data representing the [[a]] business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, wherein the configurable business rule defines relationship information between the electronic data representing the business transaction and electronic data for a subsequent business transaction, in response to receiving the business transaction, and

establish the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction based on the determination of whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies the configurable business rule results, and

enable the market participant to track a status of the electronic data representing the business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended): The method of claim 16, wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction, a time relationship between the electronic data representing the received business transaction and the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction.

19. (currently amended): The method of claim 16, further comprising processing electronic data representing business transactions having different formats.

20. (currently amended): The method of claim 16, further comprising sending a message indicating that the electronic data representing the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

21. (currently amended): An apparatus for enabling exchange of electronic data between market participants comprising:

a memory; and

a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor is configured to access a system that is adapted to:

receive electronic data from a market participant in a first format representing at least one business transaction,

validate the electronic data representing the business transaction,

map the electronic data from the first format to a standard format,

determine whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, wherein the configurable business rule

defines relationship information between the electronic data representing the business transaction and electronic data for a subsequent business transaction, and

establish the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction based on the determination of whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies the configurable business rule results, and

enable the market participant to track a status of the electronic data representing the business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

22. (cancelled).

23. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction, a time relationship between the electronic data representing the received business transaction and the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the ~~received~~ electronic data representing the business transaction.

24. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor is further configured to process electronic data representing business transactions having different formats.

25. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor is further configured to sending a message indicating that the electronic data representing the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

26. (currently amended): An article comprising a computer-readable medium that stores executable instructions for enabling exchange of electronic data between market participants and causes causing a computer system to:

view a business transaction from a system that is configured to:

receive electronic data from a market participant in a first format representing at least one business transaction,

validate the electronic data representing the business transaction,

map the electronic data from the first format to a standard format,

determine whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, wherein the configurable business rule defines relationship information between the electronic data representing the business transaction and electronic data for a subsequent business transaction, and

establish the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction based on the determination of whether the electronic data representing the business transaction satisfies the configurable business rule results, and

enable the market participant to track a status of the electronic data representing the business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

27. (cancelled).

28. (currently amended): The article of claim 26, ~~comprising instructions for causing the computer to determine whether the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule,~~ wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the received electronic data representing the business transaction, a time relationship between the electronic data representing the received business transaction and

the electronic data representing the [[a]] subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the received electronic data representing the business transaction.

29. (new): The method of claim 1, wherein:

the electronic data representing the business transaction includes a request business transaction and a related expected response business transaction; and

the configurable business rule includes electronic data representing lifecycle information associated with request business transaction and the related expected response business transaction.

30. (new): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein:

the electronic data representing the business transaction includes a request business transaction and a related expected response business transaction; and

the configurable business rule includes electronic data representing lifecycle information associated with request business transaction and the related expected response business transaction.

31. (new): The article of claim 11, wherein:

the electronic data representing the business transaction includes a request business transaction and a related expected response business transaction; and

the configurable business rule includes electronic data representing lifecycle information associated with request business transaction and the related expected response business transaction.

32. (new): The method of claim 16, wherein:

the electronic data representing the business transaction includes a request business transaction and a related expected response business transaction; and

the configurable business rule includes electronic data representing lifecycle information associated with request business transaction and the related expected response business transaction.

33. (new): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein:

the electronic data representing the business transaction includes a request business transaction and a related expected response business transaction; and

the configurable business rule includes electronic data representing lifecycle information associated with request business transaction and the related expected response business transaction.

34. (new): The article of claim 26, wherein:

the electronic data representing the business transaction includes a request business transaction and a related expected response business transaction; and

the configurable business rule includes electronic data representing lifecycle information associated with request business transaction and the related expected response business transaction.